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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4833

INFO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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FOR MCCONNELL, FAS/USDA/W FROM AGATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: HONDURAS - COFFEE SITUATION, AGR. RPT. HD-7008

FASTO CIRC. 65

HONDURAS HAS HARVESTED AN ESTIMATED 80-85 PERCENT OF ITS 1976-77  
CROP. BASED UPON COLLECTION TO DATE, CROP SHOULD REACH 750,000  
BAGS (60 KGMS.). ALL REFERENCE TO BAGS ARE 60-KGM. BAGS. NO  
MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THAT COLLECTED HAS REACHED THE MILLS.  
THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF BROKEN CONTRACTS BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND  
EXPORTERS, AND ALL EXPORT CONTRACTS ARE BEING MET.

THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF SMUGGLING OF ABOUT 76,666

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BAGS INTO NICARAGUA TO EVADE HONDURAS'S RETENTION QUOTA (9 PER  
CENT OF PRODUCTION. ALSO AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT OF ROASTED COFFEE  
IS BEING SMUGGLED INTO GUATEMALA. RETAIL PRICE OF ROASTED COFFEE  
IN GUATEMALA IS \$1.12 PER POUND, COMPARED TO \$0.75 PER POUND IN  
HONDURAS.

HONDURAS'S 1975-76 ENDING STOCKS OF EXPORTABLE COFFEE WAS

105,809 BAGS. THESE STOCKS OF EXPORTABLE COFFEE HAVE BEEN EXPORTED. AS OF FEBRUARY 7, 1977, EXPORT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR 247,094 BAGS. THESE NEW PERMITS REFLECT ONLY THE 1976-77 CROP. 1976-77 EXPORTS SHOULD REACH 746,302 BAGS.

PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF REDUCTION IN PRODUCTION WAS LACK OF MOISTURE, PARTICULARLY IN THE HIGHLANDS WHERE PRODUCTION DROPPED 30 PERCENT.

HONDURAS - COFFEE SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION 1976-77  
(60 KGM. BAGS)

BEGINNING STOCKS -- 128,902

PRODUCTION -- 750,000

TOTAL SUPPLY -- 855,809

EXPORTS /1/ -- 761,302

CONSUMPTION -- 107,600

ENDING STOCKS -- 10,000

/1/ INCLUDES LEGAL AND CONTRABAND.  
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